

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action – Restriction and/or Election Requirement is being submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 7, 2004. Claims 1-15 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-15 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Claims 1-15 – Restriction and/or Election Requirement:

Examiner indicates that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Group I: Claims 10-15, drawn to a combination x-ray tube and bearing, classified in Class 378, subclass 121; and

Group II: Claims 1-9, drawn to a subcombination bearing, classified in Class 384.

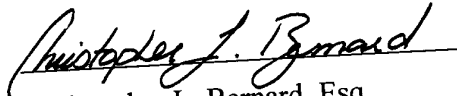
Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Claims 10-15 of Group I, drawn to a combination x-ray tube and bearing, and have withdrawn Claims 1-9 of Group II, drawn to a subcombination bearing. Because the claims of Group I have been elected, Applicants are not required to elect a single disclosed species (either that of Figure 1 or Figure 2), as subsequently indicated by Examiner.

CONCLUSION

Applicants would like to thank Examiner for the attention and consideration accorded the Application. Should Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place the Application in condition for allowance, Examiner is encouraged to contact undersigned Counsel at the telephone number, facsimile number, address, or email address provided below. It is not believed that any fees for additional claims, extensions of time, or the like are required beyond those that may otherwise be indicated in the documents accompanying this paper. However, if such additional fees are required, Examiner is encouraged to notify undersigned Counsel at Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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